

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 15 and cancel claims 5 and 8-14 according to the following.

1. (Currently Amended) A charging stand for charging and selectively enclosing and exposing an appliance having a rechargeable battery, the battery being charged by an external power source, comprising:

a base having ~~an access opening~~ a docking recess for receiving and supporting the appliance, said base having electrical contacts in communication with said recess for charging the battery and at least one socket for supplying power from the external power source to the contacts, said docking recess defining a pocket surrounding a lower portion of the appliance upon insertion of the appliance into said pocket;

a cover configured to fit over said base to define, with said recess, an interior space for enclosing the appliance; and

means for securing said cover to said base in at least two positions such that in a first, closed position said cover encloses the appliance with said base and in a second, open position said cover exposes the appliance;

wherein said cover supports said base in said second, open position while said cover remains attached to said base;

wherein said base includes a latch which releasably secures said base and said cover together, and a groove on a surface of said base opposite from said

recess for receiving an edge of said cover for supporting said base in said second, open position.

2. (Original) The charging stand of claim 1 wherein said means for securing includes:

a pivot point disposed on said base such that said cover can rotate around said pivot point between a closed position in which said cover covers said base and encloses the appliance, and an open position in which said cover supports said base in a raised position and exposes the appliance.

3. (Original) The charging stand of claim 1 wherein said cover has feet that straddle said base.

4. (Original) The charging stand of claim 3 wherein said feet are configured so that when said cover is in said second position, said feet are generally coextensive with a corresponding end of said base.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The charging stand of claim 1 wherein said base has an upper end and said latch is disposed on said upper end, said cover has an upper end and is configured at said upper end for receiving said latch.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A charging stand for charging and selectively enclosing and exposing an appliance having a rechargeable battery, the battery being charged by an external power source, comprising:

a base having ~~an access opening~~ a docking recess for receiving and supporting the appliance, said base having electrical contacts in communication with said recess for charging the battery and at least one socket for supplying power from the external power source to the contacts, said docking recess defining a pocket configured for surrounding a lower portion of the appliance upon insertion of the appliance into said pocket, said pocket securing the appliance in said base and maintaining a connection with said electrical contacts for recharging said battery;

a cover configured to fit over said base to define, within said recess,
an interior space for enclosing the appliance; ~~and~~

means for securing said cover to said base in at least two positions such that in a first, closed position said cover encloses the appliance with said base and in a second, open position said cover exposes the appliance when the appliance is in a raised position;

~~wherein~~ said means for securing said cover to said base comprises a pivot point disposed on said base such that said cover can rotate around said pivot point between asaid first, closed position in which said cover covers said base and encloses the appliance, and ~~an~~ said second, open position in which said cover supports said base in a raised position and exposes the appliance;

said base including a latch which releasably secures said base and said cover together, and a generally transverse groove on a surface of said base

opposite from said recess for receiving an edge of said cover to support said cover
in said second, open position.

16. (Original) The charging stand of claim 15 wherein said base includes a first socket and a second socket.

17. (Original) The charging stand of claim 16 wherein said first socket is disposed on a bottom surface of said base, and said second socket is disposed on a back surface of said base.

18. (Original) The charging stand of claim 15 wherein in said open position, said cover contacts a substrate and forms at least one opening with the substrate for feeding a cord to said base.

19. (Original) The charging stand of claim 18 wherein said at least one opening is at a top surface of said cover.